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SUBJ: REVISION OF POST DIFFERENTIAL IBADAN

REF: LAGOS OM APRIL 20, 1976, DEPT'S OM OF JANUARY 21, 1976 TO
LAGOS, IBADAN DS-1733 NOVEMBER 21, 1975

1. IN VIEW LAGOS OM OF APRIL 20, THIS POST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
TO BE IN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES AS REPORTED REF OM. REFERENCE OM
ALSO MENTIONS OUR PROBLEMS DURING THAT PERIOD HERE IN IBADAN.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT ANNEXING THIS INFORMATION
(LAGOS OM) TO THE NOVEMBER 21, 1975 DS-1733 AND REASSESSING THE
OVERALL DIFFERENTIAL RATE FOR IBADAN ON THE BASIS OF THE MATERIAL
CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

3. IF REQUIRED, INSTANCES CAN BE SIGHTED WHICH ARE VERY SIMILAR TO
THOSE EXPERIENCED IN LAGOS SINCE NOVEMBER 1975. ONE DIFFERENCE WE
WOULD POINT OUT IS OUR MORE ISOLATED POSITION. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
EVACUATION, WE WOULD HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME GETTING TO THE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS OR SEASHORE SINCE WE ARE IN-COUNTRY.
EVEN THOUGH LAGOS IS ONLY NINETY MILES AWAY, THAT IS FOUR TO
EIGHT HOURS DRIVE DUE TO ROAD CONDITIONS AND HEAVILY CONGESTED TRAFFI
C.

THESE ROADS ARE HIGHLY DANGEROUS EVEN IN NORMAL TIMES (2 ARMED
ROBBERIES REPORTED LAST WEEK IN ADDITION TO USUAL NUMEROUS
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ACCIDENTS). THERE ARE ALSO ONLY TWO ROADS LEADING INTO LAGOS WHICH

WOULD INVARABLY BE BLOCKED OFF AND IMPASSABLE DURING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. NEW LAGOS-IBADAN EXPRESSWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, BUT NOT DUE FOR COMPLETION UNTIL AT LEAST MID 1977.

4. POST BELIEVES NEW DIFFERENTIAL SHOULD BE RETROACTIVE TO THE SAME DATE AS LAGOS BEGAN RECEIVING THE TWENTY FIVE PERCENT SINCE WE EXPERIENCED THE SAME PROBLEMS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD.
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